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CURRENT CAPITOL TOPICS

But One House of Congress in Session Yesterday.

Private Bill Day in the House-Two Appropriation Bills Brought in-A Working Day with the Committees-Subscriptions for the Icish-The Baltimore Postmaster Vindleated, &c.

The House of Representatives.

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The Senate was not in session yesterday.
It being private bill day in the House a large number of private bills were introduced, but no business of importance was transacted.

Mr. Gibson (La.) introduced a bill, which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, anthorizing the appointment of an inter-oceanic commission to determine the best route and plan for the catabushment of a commission for the catabushment of a commission is of barien.

The commission is to consist of members to be selected by the President—one from the mary, one from the army, one from the const survey, and two from civil life; the latter two to be paid \$500 a month while the commission is at work, and the army and navy officers to have no extra pay.

Mr. Gillette, the Greenbacker from lowa, introduced a bill in opposition to the retirement of greenbacks, but in favor of substituting them in place of National-bank notes, and providing for the free coinage of silver.

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place of National-bank notes, and providing for the free coinage of allow. The resolution which recently passed the Senate authorizing the Secretary of the Inferior to nego-tiate with the Ute Indians for the relinquishment of their reservation in Colorado was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, for the purpose of having it reported back next week and passed, so that the negotiations under it may be completed during the holiday recess.

Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Appropria-tions, reported the Fortification Appropriation bill, and Mr. Hubbell the Pension bill, both of which were passed, when the Houre adjourned.

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The Senate Finance Committee had a long session yesterday, most of the time being spent going over its docket, but no action of importance was taken upon any measure. The Warner Sliver bill was reached, but its consideration was postponed until after the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Bayard's resolution also came up, but its consideration was also postponed until after the reassembling of Congress. This delay in gotting a consideration was also postponed until after the reassembling of Congress. This delay in gotting a consideration of this resolution of Mr. Bayard's find the committee would indicate that there is more opposition to it there than has been supposed.

The House Committee on Commerce had a meeting, and heard a delogation representing the Ohio River Improvement Commission in rolation of Davis Island dam. The same committee also heard arguments from Mr. Fraley, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Thurber, of New York, members of the committee appointed by the National Beard of Trade to present to Congress suggestions in rolation to inter-State commission. Beard of Trade to present to Congress had a right, and should interfere and regulate the charges for transportation of freights by railroad companies, and advocated the creation of a National Railroad commission to supervise all matters relating thereto.

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The House Committee on Expenditures in the State Department were engaged for several hours at the Department were engaged for several hours at the Department in the examination of the books, methods of doing business, &c.

The House Committee on the Judiclary instructed their chairmant or report favorably upon the bill introduced at the last seasion by Representative Converse. To provide for circuit and district courts of the United States at Columbus, Ohio." It contemplates transferring certain counties from the Northern district to the Southern district of Ohio. Also the division of the Southern district of Ohio, Also the division of the Southern district of Ohio, it provides for the proper transfer of pending cases, with other provisions relative to jurisdiction, &c.

The House Committee on Public Lands gave a hearing on House bill 1067, entitled "To quiet the title of settlers on the 18st Mones river lands, in the State of Iowa." The bill makes it the duty of the Attorney-General to institute a suit within ninety days from the passage of the bill, to determine the title of the lands in question, and allows any person claiming any title to join with the United States and become a party to the suit. The lands in question have been in dispute for twenty years past, and embrace some 20,090 acres, nuch of which has been occupied by settlers under patents from the United States, and the effort to eject and dispossess them by the improvement company, to when the State of fowa ceded the lands, has led

dispossess them by the Improvement company, to whom the State of lowa ceded the lands, has led to voluminous litigation. Argument was resumed before the committee by Colonel Robert Ingersoli in layor of the bill. The hearing will be continued from day to day until final action is taken by the compilies.

The subscription raised by Mr. Kenna, of West Virginia, in the Honse of Representatives for the aid of sufferers in Ireland from the recent famine has already exceeded \$500, and Mr. Kenna thinks will reach at least \$1,000. The statement that this subscription has political significance is said to be erroneous, the claim being made that it is purely a personal contribution by members of the House to relieve actual distress.

Discovery of a New Planetold. The Smithsonian Institution has received from M. Forester, of Berlin, the announcement of the discovery by M. Palisa, at Pola, on the 11th of December, 1879, of a planetoid of the tenth magnitude in five hours two minutes of right ascension north twenty-three degrees forty minutes of declination, with a daily motion of fifty-six seconds in right ascension and four minutes sould.

The Baltimore Postmastership. The Battimore Pushingstership.

It can be stated on excellent authority that after a careful examination of the evidence against General E. B. Tyler, postmaster at Baltimore, and of the evidence produced by that gentleman in reply, the President is satisfied that there is no sufficient

reason for his removal on account of his conduct withor official or personal.

The House Committee on Foreign Relations, through Mr. Bicknell, of Indiana, reported a billy exsterday in the House permitting Lieutenant F. V. Groene, who was the military attache of the United States legation at St. Peiersburg during the Turko-Russian war, to accept certain deconstons which the Emperor of Russia has conferred upon him.

The Pennsylvania Judgeship.

There has been quite a contest going on for the Judgeship of the Western district of Pennsylvania made vacant by the recent death of Judge Ketcham. Mr. Williams, of Tioga county, has been a prominent candidate, but it was said last night in that the Administration had decided to appoint Mark Achinson, of Pittsburg.

No More Condemned Cauner.

A communication from the Secretary of War was able before the House to-day, calling the attention Congress, in view of the recent donations of udenned cannon for monumental purposes, to a fact that the supply of such cannon is now excusted.

THE PRESIDENT'S POSITION.

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Another Interview on the Greenback Question.

Congressman Humphries, of Wisconsin, had along interview with the President yesterday morning, the substance of which was sent by Mr. Crawford, of the Chicago Times, to his paper last night. Mr. Humphries had the talk for the purpose of getting an exact idea of what the President meant in his message and whether it was true, as reported by Mr. Fort and others, that the President had changed his mind upon any of the positions assumed by him in his message. The President said Mr. Fort was an inflationist and be was not, and naturally there could be no common ground upon which they could stand in anything relating to flusances. The President said he reg reited that the Republican party was permitting the Democrats to selze what he thought was the golden opportunity of the present time. The Republican party was permitting the Democrats to selze what he thought was the golden opportunity of the present time. The Republican party had for years, he said, been an honest, hardmoney party, and for it to advocate a policy of the gracial retirement of greenbacks would be in the direct line of the policy pursued by it in the past. To allow the Democratic party to come in now and take that position, Mr. Hayes thought, would be an error which will be afterwards regretted. The President said that the balance of trade was now with us, and it would be easy to do what was commemplated, while it might be impossible if the flow of gold went the other way. With the present system of free banking the President said there would be no trouble in retiring greenbacks, because the benks themselves would guard against any stringency in the money market, so that the retirement of greenbacks would not be anything like contraction. While there were differences in the party as an party would see the position he had taken was right, and the only one that would win with the country. Times were good now, money was plenty, and it is just a question of paying our debts when we are in easy circumstances

LOUISIANA BOURBONS.

Any Means Pair to Secure Political Su

premacy.
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 8, 1870.
To the Editor of The National Republican: To the Editor of The National Republican;

Sir: It is over three years since the election for President and the legislature of Louisiana which elected Governor Kellogg as United States Senator. It was thought after the Wayne McVeigh commission had succeeded in deatroying the Packard government and established the Nichols Democratic government, that the Bourbons of this State and of the country would be content. They only asked for local self-government, and promised the country, and especially the poor negroes, if the Nichols government was recognized by the Administration flux peace, happiness, prosperity and full protection would come to sil.

No sooner do the Bourbons get the government than they go through the farce of electing II. M. Spofford as United States Senator. They knew Kellogg was the logally elected Senator, to typically the tool (with the hopo of getting paid for contesting Kellogg's seat) to keep the election of 1870 before the country muil the people have been of 1870 before the country muil the people have been mauseated and disgusted with the whole subject. I suppose we shall have another committee next full to investigate, as the Bourbon Senate will not unseat Kellogg during the present session, knowing that such an act would make the loval North

fall to investigate, as the Bourbon Senate will not unseat Kellogg during the present session, knowing that such an act would make the loyal North more solid. In 1250 than ever, and lose them the President beyond any doubt.

The Bourbons have not been in power for so long they are determined to give all the rebel brigadier Senators and attaches of the Senate a chance to visit the Crescent City every fall to spend Uncle Sam's shekels for the benefit of the Bourbons. These committees will continue as long as Kellogg holds his sent, unless the Senate becomes Republican, which, it is looped, it will be in 1881. They know that Kellogg holds his sent by a better title than any of them, and they could belter investigate Senators Edmunds, Conkling or Logan, for they were admitted on prima facic cases, while Kellogg was investigated and admitted on the evidence.

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The Bourbon press have boasted that when Ben Hill, with his committee, got through with Kellogg there would not be a greass spot left of his title. Well, Ben and his committees, with all the clerks and messengers, have come and gone. They came like an army with banners; Republicans trembled at the sight; they spoke of him in bated breath. At the mention of the name of this valuant rebet who, honest Zach Chandler said, had killed so many Yankees as a rebel Senator, Radical children clung to their mothers' aprons in greater fright than if he were the awful "burgoo-man."

Benjaminstried in with a smile—in fact, as such witnesses as Barnery Williams, the Polish Jew, and Stokes, who was a gallant clerk of a quartermistor, and E. L. Weber, the notorious bribe-faker, testified, he became clated. He had found a bonanza, He would assound the Senate and the world. He would pitch Kellogg heels over head out of the Senate chamber window.

This "Ambassador from Georgia" and all the Bourbons, especially Spofford, were jubilant. Even Senator Vanner, the "Tunny man of the show," was more jubilant than ever, and made a speech at a Democratic meeting and delivered his stale lecture on the Jews, at hair a dollar per head admittance. You see, Zebulon had an eye to business as well as fun and politics. Sam Sinall, the stenographer, too. Randall, the clerk, became infected, and he recited funny things at private entertainments. When, the messenger, and his aids have not been heard from, but they no doubt took a hand at publishing and lecturing. They must have felt the Bourbons were so jubilant that they wined and dined these Senator had fundeed come, and turned themselves into a lecturing carnwan.

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them. This was a consolation, for Senators are easily made, but newspaper men are not so readily made.

But slas for Hill, Vance and his crowd, Kellogg came to the front, and with witnesses of the best character he proved that every man who testified against him was either of the worst character or had been disappointed in not getting a soft place in the custom-house. Then Hill's smill eleft him and he became as sour as the apple tree on which the soldiers said they would hang Jeff. Davis. He badgered the witnesses as a petificiparer in a magistrate's court, and lost his tomper. But it was no go—he was busted, and no power could save him. Vance looked serious, simal and Randall wished they hadd't come, and Wilcox took his revenge oil some of Kellogg's witnesses by not allowing them more than half psy for their services. So the Senatorial Sambedrim progressed till Kellogg piled up so much evidence that Hill adjourned the committee, and said he would renew the farce at Washington. I hope the Bonrhous will have the good sense to stop him.

The election has passed, and of course the ring these has been counted in, but every houest man knows that the Republican Said of course the ring these has been counted in, but every houest man knows that the Republican Bande Chebita is \$3.50 Republican majority, but is counted Democratic by 2,500 Chebita is \$3.50 Republican majority, but is counted 1,000 Democratic. These are but two countes to show how the Bonribons counted the State.

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I have no doubt from the Information I have

ALL HAIL OHIO'S PRIDE."

General Grant's Welcome to the State Capital.

Departure from Cincinnati-An Earnest Re ception in Columbus-Five Miles of Decorated Streets-The City Crowded with Visitors - Receptions, Speeches and a Banquet -Enthusiasm, & c.

Ciscisnati, Dec. 12.—General Grant was pre-sented with an address by the Evangelical Mini-terial Alliance this morning, and made a brief re-ply. He then received the members of the ex-Army and Navy Officers' Society, and subsequently loft for Columbus.

His Reception in Columbus.

Columbus, Dec. 12.—The Proceeding to General and Mrs. Grant in this suly to-day was a grand success. Before 9 o'clock this morning the principal streets were crowded with people. Decorative art here was never displayed in such abundance. The pieces of business on High street for hearly five miles were literally covered with flags, bunting and evergreens. The Capitol building was richly decorated with flags suid-cedars, in front being the motto, "All Hail Ohio's Pride." General and Mrs. Grant and party arrived at 2:15 p. m. and were greeted with a salute of thirty gons, fired by United States troops, and the blowing of steam whistles all over the city. After the train had stopped, and General Grant and party had stepped, and General Grant and party had stepped into the capit Mayor Colling, on behalf of Columbis, the capital of his native State, in a brief speech extended to General Grant and party welcome.

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General Grant responded as follows: "I thank you, citizens of Columbus and the State of Ohlo, for the cordial greeting I am receiving at your hands. Ohlo has been from its first admission to the Union an energetic, growing and prosperous state. I am very glad to hear of the additional prosperity which has come upon the State in the last few years, and to know that the prosperity is becoming general throughout the country. If we can have it extended over this broad land, it will go far toward diminishing the political asperity that has kept us—at least I think so—uncertain as to our future. Nothing has a greater tendency to produce conservation and good citizenship than general and diffused presperity. I hope that what Columbus has been experiencing in the last few years of which you spoke may extend to every part of our great country. Nothing clas is wanting but unity of sentiment among our people to perpetuate what we are now—the greatest and best country for a man to live in. Mr. Mayor, I thank the citizens of Columbus for this pleasant greeting," [Great applianse,]

General Grant was then driven to the capitol and Mrs. Grant to a hotel, where they remained until evening. At the capitol Governor Bishop delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the State. After a brief reply General Grant shook hands with the citizens and school children.

A procession was formed at 4 p. m. and marched and countermarched on High street.

In the evening the city was brilliantly illuminated, and then was conveyed to the ball given by the Governor's guard.

Fifty-one persons sat down to the banquet in the portrait room of the Governor's diec. General Grant received for an hour at the capital, and then was conveyed to the ball given by the Governor's guard. SPEECH BY GENERAL GRANT.

portrait room of the Governor's office. General Frant responded to the address of welcome in a very fellcitious manner, congratulating himself on laving made one speech during the day which no reporter heard.

THE UTE COMMISSION.

Another Dispatch from General Hatch.

Ing:

Los Pinos Agency.

December 10, 1879.

To the Secretary of the Interior. Wishington, D. U.

The Indians in their request to be tried in Washington mean by Washington the General Government. Are willing to be tried anywhere out of Colorado. State through Ourar that they may as well be hung to the trees at the agency as be taken to Denver. Ourar says as we have demanded all the names mentioned by the women, they have made some miscake, which will be known at trial, but that they will secure the proper persons. As soon as ascertained who they are they turn over all Indians mentioned by the women.

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DENNER, Cot., Doc. 12.—A special from Los Pinos, dated the 11th, says: After leaving Los Pinos the commissioners will proceed to Denver or Fort Steele, where they will continue their investigations. General Hatch says: "I don't believe that these Indians will allow themselves to be tried in Colorado. I don't believe wanight as well end this business and fight them now. No Utes appeared at the agency up to moon Thursday, although Colorow and Jack had promised to return with at the agency up to noon Thursday, altho Colorow and Jack had promised to return v Douglass and the others specified by Thursday.

VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

Last of the State Offices Filled.

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Richmond Dec. 12.—The election of State officers was completed to-day in the General Assembly, the office of State railroad commissioner being the only one to be filled. The Readjusters elected their candidate, Captain Asa Rodgers, jr., over Colonel Thomas Carter, the present incumbent, whose term, however, does not expire until April, 1881. The momination in the Senate of Colonel Carter, a cousin of General Lee, was made by Major John W. Daniel, of Lynchburg, in a speech of about two hours, in the course of which he discussed at length and with seathing invective the combination existing in the legislature between the colored Ropublicans and Readjusters. He denounced the party of Readjusters for going before the people on one issue, to wit: A reduction of interest on the public debt, and then after election, by negro votes gotten by deceiving them into the belief that they were not bound to pay any of the debt, though enjoying the benefits which its contraction conferred upon the State, attempting to perpetuate their rule by turning out all the tried officers of the State and planting themselves on radical ground to purchase the co-operation of colored members. He compared the party to a burglar entering by the back door with a skeleton key, then turning a dark lantern upon the contents that he might secure his plunder.

Mr. Riddleberger, of Shenandoah, who is a leader of the Readjustors, roplied ably, defending his party and turning many of Mr. Baniel's points to their account. He defended General Menone and nis party from the astacks of Major Inniel, and claimed that it was right to divide the spoils they had won.

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Mahone Nominated for Senator, Mahone Nominated for Senator.

RECURSOND, Dec. 12.—The Readjusters in caucus
to-night nominated General William Mahone for
United States Schator to succeed Senator Withers,
whose term expires March 4, 1851. The nomination was made by scalamation without any ballot.
Those present in the encueus and voting composed
a majority of seven or joint ballot of all the members elected to the teneral Assembly. A number
of the Readjusters were absent, who will vote for
him on Turneday next, when the election takes
place.

Administration had decided to appoint Mark Achimson, of Patisonre.

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A communication from the Secretary of War was laid before the House to-day, eatling the attention of the Caumon of th

A TERRIBLE CALAMITY.

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New York, Dec. 12.—A special from Bradford.
Pa., says the lown of Red Rock has been entirely destroyed by fire. At an early hour this morning a tank of coal-oil containing 20,000 barrels of oil caught fire and exploded, and the flames spread with fearful rapidity. In an incredibly brief time the fire had stracked and destroyed the entire village, containing 200 houses, and in a few hours rendered more than that number of families homeloss and utterly destitute. Immediately on the receipt of the above dispatch subscriptions were started at the Petroleum Exchange by the manager, Mr. S. F. Story, and the members responded liberally. Funds and remitted by telegraph as fast as received.

Another Account.

A fire broke out last evening at well 4 belonging to E.O. Emerson, in Red Rock. The well had been cleaned preparatory to torpedoing, and was left open. Superintendent Kazon, of the Emerson lesse, passed by with a lantern, and the gas ignifed and set fire to the rigging. The well made a flow and ran down the hill to the 250-barrol tank, which caught fire. The fire communicated with the 25,000-barrel fron tank, which was soon in a blaze, and burned steadily until 5 of clock this morning. When the tank was burning rivers of oil flowed down the valley and through the main street of Red Rock, burning the business and private houses of the entire town. Three hundred families are homeless, and there is great suffering emong the people. Relief committees have been formed to render all at Gilmon, Derrick and Bradford.

Mayor Broder, of Bradford, has telegraphed to Red Rock as follows: "Call on un for all the help mecessary."

The president of the We-tern Union Telegraph Company has telegraphed int.

LOUISIANA BULL-DOZING.

Murder of a Peaceable Colored Man.

New Onleans, Dec. 12.—The Carroll Conservative Democratic organ, says: "David Armstrong, a colored man living with his family on the Morancy place, near Milliken's Bend, in Madison parish, was taken out of his houre between it and 12 o'clock on the Sanday night last preceding the election by a band of between twenty five and thirty men. Over twenty shots were fired and heard by persons living on the place. Pools of blood and a sheet covered with gore were found near the bank of theirer next morning, but no trace of Armstrong was discovered. Armstrong is reported to be an industrious paying tenant on the Morancy place, who was raising good crops every year. Since writing the above a report his reached us that the body of Armstrong was issled out of the river three days ago and interred."

This statement is given in view of the contradictory reports heretofore published in regard to affairs in Madison parish before the election. Murder of a Peaceable Colored Man-

JEFE DAVIS LEGACY.

An Effort to Set Aside Mrs. Dorsey's Will.

New Obleans, Dec. 12.—A bill in equity was filed to-day in the United States Circuit court on behalf of Mrs. Edward Peckham, of Louisiann, Stephen Percy Eits, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mortimer Dahlgren, of St. Lonis, Mo., sister and brothers of the late Mrs. Sarah Ann Dorsey, against Jefferson Davis. The object of the bill is to have declared null and void the will of Mrs. Dorsey of January 4, 1878, by which the whole of her estate was bequeathed to Mr. Davis. Plaintiffs allege they are the legal heirs of the testatrix. The grounds of annulment of the will are stated to be that previous to and at the time of writing and signing of the will Mrs. Dorsey was not of sound and disposing mind, being under undue influence of the defendant, and that the motive and object in tinducing and controlling the gustatrix to make the bequest itself were under the laws of the land illegal, null and void. An Effort to Set Aside Mrs. Dorsey's Will.

The Maine Centroversy. Augusta, Dec 12.—Judge Virgin has concluded o dismiss the patition against Secretary of State love for a writ of mandamus.

Irish Agitators Coming-London, Dec. 12.—Passage has been booked for Mr. Charles S. Parnell and a friend by the steamer Scythia, which will sail from Liverpool for New York on the 20th instant.

Given Up na Lost. Boston, Dec. 12.—The whaling schooner Arisona, Captain Nicholas White, of Providence, which sailed April 15 last with sixteen persons on board, has been given up as lost.

Boston, Dec. 12.—Bishop Gilbert Haven, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is seriously ill at Mathen with malarial fever, but his physicians say there are good grounds to hope for his recovery.

Convicted of Embezziement.

Mormon Women Against Delegate Caunon SALT LARK CITY, UTAIL, Dec. 12.—The Ladles anti-Polygamous Society at a meeting to-day resolved to send a nettion to Congress asking for the expulsion of Representative Cannon, on the ground of his being a polygamist.

A Patal Controversy.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 12.—At Plum Island last Sunday David Norman, a wood contractor, shot and killed Morris Smith, a chopper. The parties had a dispute over wages, and Smith raised an axe to strike Norman, when the latter draw a pistel and shot him through the head. Norman was excuerated.

Ponca Aid Meeting. New York, Dec. 12—A meeting was held to-night at Steinway Hall to express sympathy with and obtain aid for the Ponea Indians. Many prominent persons attended. Dr. Hitchcook and Standing Rear made addresses, the latter being loudly applauded. A liberal collection was taken

Ciscinari, Dec. 12—Advices reach here that two or three tons of glycerino exploided to-day on Fox's Island in the river opposite Amherstburg, twenty miles below Detroit, and the shock was felt some thirty or forty inlies distant. The report of the explosion has been partially confirmed, but no particulars have been received.

Assault on an Ex-Priest. Nonwigh, Coss., Dec. 12.—While Father Quinn, an ex-priest, was speaking on Catholicism in the Central M. E. church to-night, a volley of stones was thrown through the windows from without breaking the glass and furthing the broken fragments among the antilence. One girl was cut dept the fire but the machine. ments among the audience. One girl was cut about the face, but the meeting was not broken

Minways is, Dec. 12.—James M. Morivall, a farmer aged fifty, was arrested lare to-day on a requisition from the tovernor of Missouri for the murder of Mrs. Vickers near littnessed. Copper county, Missouri, in July last. He was suspected of the murder at the time he self-the neignostrood, shortly after it was committed, and was tracked to this city.

As Old Soldler's End.

BALTIMORE Dec. 12.—Last night between 12 and 1 o'clock an unknown man died at a low brothel kept by a legro woman on Josephine street. The body has since been identified at that of William D. Buck, an lumate of the Soldler's Home at Weshington. He had been on a drunken debauch for some days. A jury of inquest will inquire suto the cause of his death. Buck is said to have been from Fredericksburg, Va., and to have served in the samy lwenty years before admittance to the Soldler's Home.

No Deserters.

To the Editor of The National Republican:

Sin: We read a statement in the Bourbon smutmachine of this city some time ago, it which the
editor undertakes to east editors on the soldier vote
in the loyal state of Obio at the lare election by
saying that the candidate who received the least
number of votes on the Democratic ticket was
tiement Rice, the candidate for Electionant-Govcritor. This was simply a tebuke for his ignominious descritor, and this should serve as warning
to all Colonels and tenorals on the Union side
for all future time that if they descrit their colors
they must expect to be defeated. It makes not if
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unished, and he will not be the last. The bloody,
shaam business a very disastrons, while the rebei
brigadiers are digging it deeper. Those who of
fend must first ask pardon.

I am, very respectfully. To the Editor of The National Republican : ask pardon.

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CAPITOL HILL AWAKE.

Decided Opposition to the Proposed New Tax Bill.

Meeting of the East Washington Association -Plans Made for the Winter Campaign -The Projected Extension of the Capitol Grounds - A Protest against the District Tax Bill, &c.

Fast Washington Energetic.

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The meeting of the East Washington and Capitol Hill Association at McCauley's Halt tast graing was well stended, showing that the people on the Hill are wide awake and ready for work.

Colonel James A. Tait called the meeting to order and announced that the line had arrived for the annual election of officers of the association and called for nominations.

Mr. S. A. H. Marka was chosen president, and upon assuming the chair, thanked the association for the honor conferred. He said that when the association was their organized it was scoffed and jeered at, but after the work it had done during the past year its enemies had changed positions and were its stanchest friends. The lacreased water supply on Capitol Hill for the past two days was one of the practical results accomplished, and showed what agitation of a subject would do.

Colonel James A. Tait was then nominated and elected first vice president, Mr. E. C. Kirdwood, secretary, and Mr. S. H. Hillor, treasurer.

The selection of the remaining officers and committees of the association was upon motion, our rusted to a committee of the, with instructions to report at the next regular meeting.

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Mr. Rilss effered the following preamble and resolution:

Witsmans, a bill was introduced in Congress at the last session to extend the Capitol park further east, and locate thereon, a site for the proposed Congressional Library bailding; and

Witsmans, asid proposed extension and improvement would be of vast benefit to the entire eastern section of the city to the Potomac river; therefore, be if

Resolved, That the committee of this association on library building be instructed to arze upon both Houses of Congress the passage of said bill. Mr. Hunt sold he was in favor of the resolution, as it would have a londency to put the Capitol grounds in the shape originally intensied by General Washington eighty years ago. This plan of improving the East park had been advocated years ago by Senators Douginss and Bright and more recently by Senator Morelli and other congressimen.

Now was the time to agitate the question. The grounds were too Bartow on the east side, and by extending them a square, from B street north to it street south, and from First street to Second. Maryland avenue would strike the morthess corner as originally contempated, and Fannsylvania avenue the southeast.

Mr. Newcomb was heartly in favor of the adoption of the resolution. The location of the library building on Capitol Hill would bring water and population, The only thing needed was harmonious action. Congress was favorably disposed toward the preject, and it behooved the citizens of East Washington to throw said all questions of personal interest and work for the good of all.

Mr. Ordway said there was now pending in Congress a bill of much nore interest to the people of fast Washington than the locating of a library building site. He had reference to the tax bill. If this were rest and carefully considered, it would be found to place a tax upon all visible property and not affect men who had their money h The lighting men away from Sequitants bugsinos, and courses, the view of the course of all tax licenues, and raising revenue for white and critical property. A common of the property and the property of all tax licenues, and raising revenue for white and critical property. A common of the property and the property white and critical property. A common of the property white and critical property. A common of the property white and critical property and all the property and all the property and all the property white and the property below the property property and the property white and the property the property property and the property property and the property property and the property white and the property property and th

Arranging for the Philadelphia Trip.

John A. Kawlins Post No. 1 met inst evening and decided unanimously as its officers for the ensuing was cut broken in the programment of the commander. Charles E. Joyce, seems vice commander. P. D. Haines officer of the day, J. R. Hainemann: officer of the grard, J. F. L. Da voc chaplain, F. W. Crosby, surgeon, N. Prink White quartermister, A. H. G. Richardson; member hall committee, James Cross, Delegates to Department Leavenpment—C. W. Taylor, M. Emmet Urell, E. K. Winship and H. H. Brower, Alternates—James Gowns, Frank W. Zauborn, John O'Connoil and Alexander Hamilton.

Speeches were made by Commander James Cross, Junior Vice-Commander Poyce, Commander E. L. Townsend, of Kankin Post, No. 10, department of New York, the guest of the evening: General J. R. O'lleirne, Comrade Browner, of John F. Reynolds Pr. Masson, Comrade Browner, of John F. Reynolds Pr. Miscotle See Densi Commander Com

NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE.

Rankrupt Law-Adulteration of Food. A Rankrupt Law—Adulteration of Food.

The National Soard of Trade met at 1 p. m. vesterday. The committee, consisting of Mesers, Burdey, Randolph, Bachman, Hodges and Bates, to consider the propriety of the re-enactment of a National bankrupt law, submitted a report holding that in such re-enactment there are two cardinal features which should be fully recognized, viz. First, that the expenses incurred in the administration of the law should be reduced to the lowest possible figures, according to a fixed schedule of charges, and, second, that all exemptions allowed to debtors should be particularly specified in such law, and should be in lieu of all state exemptions. The report, in conclusion, says: "Your committee have thought it best not to enter into further details at the present time, believing that the propositions above stated are comprehensive and sufficiently indicative of what should be the tener and aprilt of the law." The report was unanimously adopted.

The following preamble and resolution, submit-

THE REFUGEES.

Another Party of Emigrants-A Check from

About thirty more emigrants from North Carolina, on their way to Juniana, axilved in Washington Thursday might, and are now quartered at the St. Faur's Methodist Episcopal church, with those who have been there during the past week. St. L. Perry, one of the two colored school-teachers who have been very active in taking emigrants to Indiana and securing homes for them, is also in the city. He went to indiana with the party of eighty-even emigrants who went through this city liest week. He says that all those people found hanes. They were rescrived well and treated well. Some of the women have found places where they carr \$12 a month. They could have go more than \$2 a month in North Carolina. He had opportunities of providing homes for at least 100 more.

MARS ELEZABETH THOMESON'S CONTRIBUTION.
Marshal Fred. Douglass has received from Mrs. Rilasboth Thompson a letter including a check for \$250 for the benefit of the colored refugees, to be expended as Mr. Douglass thought best. Mr. Douglass says that he will retain the check until some emergency arises. Elizabeth Thompson.

ome emergency avises.

The concert at the Congregational church last venting was largely attended, and a handsome in constant.

Mrs. Monroe, Mrs. Savoy and Mrs. Boil, of the Christian Workers of the Pitteenth-street Presby-terian church, have collected, in aid of the solored emigrants, 5146.66, which has been expended as follows:

to all infifurmed members some surprise was expressed upon learning that such was not the case, but that halfare would be charged. In order that this matter might be fully understood, it was considered best that Conrads Robardson, and the surpressed upon the program of the surprise of

OLD WORLD'S TROUBLES.

Social, Political and Military Disturbances.

Severe Engagement with the Afghan Hill Men-Temporary Disaster to the British Cavalry-The Irish Agitators -An Irish Tenant Evicted-Shelter Desied his Famlly-Spain, &c., &c.

tions above stated are comprehensive and subject of the law." The report was unanimously adopted.

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Official Report of the Engagement.
LONDON, Dec. 12.—The official account of the engagement between General Massey's command and the force under Mahomet Jans shows that General Massey, will entempting to intercept the enemy, was attacked by great numbers. His cavalry, before alsandoning the field, ownturned the gans and made repeated charges. The guns were not recovered until the strives of General MacPherson's force. The enemy later attacked the British in the hill south of the Bala Hissar, but were beaten off with loss, General Roberts reports that the combination of the tribes against the British is considerable.

CALCUTTA, Duc. 12-6...9 o'clock p. m.—Lord Lyt-tion. Viceroy of India, on the arrival here this eccul-ing from a bur of the provinces was twice fired at, but ercuped injury. The would be assausin has been arrested.

Lord Lytton Uninjured. Lordon, Dec. 12.—It is stated at the India office that Lord Lytton tolegraphed from Calcutta to day that he had been shot at by a drunken East-Indian, The Irish Land Troubles.

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Castleban, Ice. 12.—A sub-sheriff of Mayo, accompanied by a large force of police, has gone to Lounandore to evict the farmer, Dempsey, a protest against whose eviction the Baila meeting of the 25t uit, was held.

Lownon, boe, 12.—The grand jury st Cartick-on-shannon have found true bills against Michael Davitt, James Bryce, Killem and James Baly for sedition. The counsel for the crown nescented writs removing the trials of the indicted men to India. Mr. Ren, counsel for Mr. Killen, protested, and advised Mr. Killen to remain in prison, subsequently an application for ball was made in Killen's case, but it was ordered to standards. The eviction of Dempsey was accomplished quiety. The tenants remaining on the property were forbidden to sheller the Dempsey family, which at last accounts remained by the randelist.

Political Excitement in Spain.

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deliver them to the committee.

THE STAR MAIL SERVICE.

Some Anthentic Information Regardin; It.

General Brady, Second Assistant Postmaster General, design the interview published in a morning paper in relation to the decisions appropriation asked for the Star service. He says that he appropriation asked for the Star service must be supprofit to exhausted or anything near it. He says that it congress does not under the additional appropriation asked for the Star service was applied for the Star service was deficiently appropriate asked for the Star service was applied for the Star service was simply but simply be curtaited as as to bring it within the present appropriation shall leave no dedicting at the cut of the single say of the Star service was applied for the Star service was simply to keep up the route afternay in operation. He also claims that the mediational appropriation asked for the star service was simply to keep up the route afternay in operation. He also claims that the mediational appropriation asked for the star service at the last seesion had not been curtailed.

Battrions, Des. 12.—Abraham Annetia, a West India negro, and Francis Admins, a Manila man, sallors, were arrested this afternoon by Deputy United States Marshal Hamilton on warrants is

Buried by Falli og Earth. Onana, Nam. Dec. 12.—A terrible accident occurred at Platomouth, Schraska, this morning. Ten or twelve neu working in a cut or a grade near the bridge were baried by falling earth, and when dang out three were dead. The only one whose name is known was Homer Robinson. Seven were visually injured, and it is feared others are still buried in the rules.

Cincignant, Dec. 12.—The police commissioners to des vated to make no more arrests for giving the arrival and the pending cases are determined, and also modified the order requiring unifected shows to be suppressed as as allow the shows to per on, and the propristors to be arrested and dealt with according to law. Astronomy of the preprietors of all unifermed places of amusement were made to-night.